



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

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Appln. No.: 09/658,243

Confirm. No.: 3028

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Title: A PERSONAL COMPUTER AND SCANNER FOR  
GENERATING CONVERSATION UTTERANCES  
TO A REMOTE LISTENER IN RESPONSE TO A  
QUIET SELECTION

PATENT APPLICATION

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**RESPONSE A TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2004. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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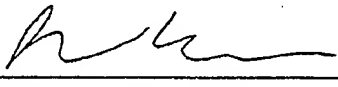
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storage and processing of the input, both claim groups recite devices for storing conversational elements and generating audible utterances. In both cases, a device storing conversation elements receives a user-selection of a conversation element, determines the requested conversation element, and generates an audible emission in response to the user selection.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the two referenced claim groups do not comprise separate inventions and respectfully request that the Examiner lift the restriction requirement.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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# PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	50 minus 20=	30
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3=	1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	55	50	5
Independent	4	4	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

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AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total			
Independent			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

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(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total			
Independent			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
	345.00	OR		690.00
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	540 <sup>00</sup>
X39=		OR	X78=	78 <sup>00</sup>
+130=		OR	+260=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	138 <sup>00</sup>

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	90 <sup>00</sup>
X39=		OR	X78=	
+130=		OR	+260=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X39=		OR	X78=	
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